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NOTE FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence


FROM: H. F. Hutchinson, Jr.
Acting Chairman

Following your conversation with Sy Weiss earlier this week when he indicated his willingness to continue to serve as a panel member, I prepared these letters for you and the Director.

At Attachment 1 you will find a letter for the Director to send to Sy thanking him for his service as Chairman of the Military Advisory Panel. At Attachment 2 are individual letters to members of the MAP from you thanking them for their service to date and pointing out that the chairmanship will be changing.

The third attachment is Sy Weiss' personal memo to other members of the MAP indicating the pending change in the MAP. He dictated this today as a draft for you to review for consistency with other official notice to the MAP members.

Your concurrence with Sy's draft would be appreciated as soon as possible. Obviously, signature on the letters at the other attachments would be appropriate in the very near future.


H. F. Hutchinson, Jr.

Attachments:
As stated

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Ambassador Seymour Weiss

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Dear Sy:

I wish to express my appreciation for your accomplishments as the chairman of the Military Advisory Panel. It is clear to me that the panel has given valuable advice and insight to the National Intelligence Officers, the DDCI and the DCI.

Your service as chairman has been noted by the DDCI and the Acting Chairman of the National Intelligence Council as exemplary. Your sense of duty and diligence in marshaling the broad experience of the panel is deeply appreciated by them. I am pleased that you will continue to serve as a member of the panel and look forward to hearing your views on our national intelligence program in the next year.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster

The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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Dear Tom:

Judge Webster asked me to convey his appreciation for the assistance that the Military Advisory Panel has been to him and especially for the insights you have provided to the National Intelligence Officers over a longer period. As a beneficiary of your advice through my tenure as the Deputy Director for Intelligence, the Chairman of the National Intelligence Council and as the DDCI, I add my thanks for the help you have provided.

We believe that the chairmanship of the panel should be rotated occasionally among panel members to provide both a diversity of approaches to the panel's advice and a relief from the burden of organizing the panel meetings. Your obligations elsewhere change from time to time and we realize that your availability for the panel will vary. Ambassador Weiss has served as chairman with both diligence and distinction for several years and will continue to serve as a panel member. Judge Webster and I are deeply indebted for the counsel he has provided on a personal basis and for his work as chairman. We also appreciate his support in transitioning to a new chairman.

We hope to have a new chairman in place for the next panel meeting, perhaps in March. Your suggestions on agenda or modus operandi would be welcome.

Sincerely,

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General Paul F. Gorman, USA (Ret.)

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Admiral Robert Long, USN (Ret.)

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Dr. Richard S. Pipes

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General John Vogt, USAF (Ret.)

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General Jasper A. Welch, USAF (Ret.)

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Dr. Edward L. Warner
Rand Corporation
2100 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037

Dear Ted:

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(dictated by Amb. Weiss on 7 Jan 88)

(date)

to each member of the MAP

Dear _____,

I wanted to alert you to a pending change in our Military Advisory Panel.

Though I have greatly enjoyed chairing the Panel, you will not be surprised to learn that it has been quite demanding on my time. The preparation for the meetings and the follow-up to them are several times more time-consuming than the meetings themselves. For this reason, based on discussions with Bob Gates, he and Bill Webster will be arranging for a change in chairmanship. Indeed this may well have the added advantage of bringing a new and useful perspective to the direction of the Panel. I assume the new chairman will come from amongst the present membership, though at this point I do not know that such a decision has been made.

I appreciate your contribution over the past many months. To the extent time permits, I look forward to continuing to serve with you as a member of the Panel.

Seymour Weiss

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